

and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–2). **Page H223**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Black to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H191**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H193**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 257 yeas to 128 nays, Roll No. 19. **Pages H194, H206–07**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:16 p.m. and reconvened at 5:06 p.m. **Pages H195–96**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act: H.R. 203, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 17; and

Pages H196–H201, H204–05

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act: H.R. 33, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 18.

Pages H201–04, H205–06

Recess: The House recessed at 6 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H204**

Administration of the Oath of Office: Representatives-elect Maxine Waters (CA), Young (AK), and Carter (TX) presented themselves in the well of the House and were administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. **Page H205**

Whole Number of the House: Under clause 5(d) of Rule 20, the Chair announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the Oath to the gentlewoman from California and the gentlemen from Alaska and Texas, the whole number of the House is 433. **Page H205**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center: The House agreed to take

from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 2, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II. **Page H207**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 7, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page H207**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H205, H205–06, and H206–07. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2015; PROMOTING JOB CREATION AND REDUCING SMALL BUSINESS BURDENS ACT; DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 185, the “Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 37, the “Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act”; and H.R. 240, the “Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule for H.R. 37. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Additionally, the rule granted a structured rule for H.R. 185. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all

points of order against the amendment printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also grants a structured rule for H.R. 240. The rule provides two hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 4, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record not later than January 14, 2015, such material as he may deem explanatory of H.R. 240. Testimony was heard from Rep-

resentatives Garrett, Maxine Waters of California, Sherman, Marino, Johnson of Georgia, Carter of Texas, Lowey, Aderholt, Barletta, Gutiérrez, Jackson Lee, Lofgren, and Castro of Texas.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 10:15 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Moving America Forward: With a Focus on Economic Growth”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.